

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

-- This application claims the benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/172,555, filed December 18, 1999, which teaches and discloses an apparatus and method for processing and/or for providing healthcare information and/or healthcare-related information, the subject matter and teachings of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein. ~~This application is also a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/476,651, filed December 31, 1999, and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND/OR FOR PROVIDING HEALTHCARE INFORMATION AND/OR HEALTHCARE RELATED INFORMATION".~~ --.